

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN AND DOVE AND SENATORS DUPRE AND
MORRISH

FISHING/LICENSES: Provides relative to the nonresident saltwater fishing license

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1) and to repeal R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(a), relative to
3 fishing licenses; to provide for a temporary nonresident license; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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9 C.(1)(a) In addition to the annual basic recreational fishing license ~~and the~~
10 ~~temporary basic recreational fishing license~~, any person fishing in the saltwater areas
11 of the state defined in R.S. 56:322 must purchase a saltwater license.

12 (2)(a) The fee for the annual saltwater license is five dollars and fifty cents
13 for residents and thirty dollars for nonresidents. ~~A nonresident may purchase a~~
14 ~~temporary saltwater license valid for the number of days specified by the purchaser~~
15 ~~at a fee of seventeen dollars and fifty cents per day.~~ As a condition of the application
16 for and the granting of the saltwater license, all saltwater finfish caught or
17 transported by the license holder while the license is in effect are presumed to have
18 been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

19 (b) In lieu of purchase of an annual basic recreational fishing license and an
20 annual saltwater license, a nonresident may purchase a temporary saltwater license

1 valid for the number of days specified by the purchaser at a fee of seventeen dollars
2 and fifty cents per day. Such license shall enable the nonresident to fish in the
3 saltwater areas of the state for the period of time indicated on the license.

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5 Section 2. R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(a) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
10 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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St. Germain

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Abstract: Provides for a temporary saltwater fishing license for nonresidents.

Present law requires both a basic recreational fishing license and a saltwater add-on license in order to fish in the saltwater areas of the state. Provides that the cost of the annual saltwater add-on license for residents is \$5.50 and for nonresidents the cost is \$30. Further provides that in lieu of an annual saltwater add-on license, nonresidents may purchase a temporary saltwater license for \$17.50 per day for any number of days.

Proposed law provides that the temporary nonresident saltwater license is in lieu of both the annual basic recreational license and the annual saltwater add-on license. Retains the cost of \$17.50 per day for such license.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1); Repeals R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(a))